

little girl crying forlornly in the corner, and an inquiry discovered that the woman who had agreed to take Leonie Albers was rejected by the committee.

#### **Takes Three Children.**

Mrs. Hopfer, who has seven children of her own to look out for, had not expected to take more than one, but she decided that this small mouth would not gobble up a large portion, so she adopted Leonie too. And the children begged so hard for Alice Herney that Mrs. Hopfer ended by taking the three children out to her little house.

Clemence can cook and scrub and wash and iron, and she worked in a candy store in Lawrence for 75 cents a week between times.

"We really have it easier than many families in Lawrence," she said, "because I am the only child. My father makes \$7 or \$8 a week, and my mother makes from \$3.50 to \$4, and I make my 75 cents. I will be fourteen in June, and then I will start in the mills myself. I am in the fifth grade in the school, and I wish I could go on, but of course it is my duty to help papa and mamma as soon as I can."

#### **Hopes to Work in Mill**

"Well, I will tie the thread on the bobbins and fill them for the weavers and clean the frames. I am quite big enough to do it, and it isn't dangerous work, although it is dusty and the lint from the thread is hard on some people. The worst thing about it is that

you have to stand up all day, but then papa and mamma have to do that. They never sit down a minute."

"Tell how you live now," Clemence was asked.

"Papa and mamma get up at 6 o'clock and get their breakfast, and when they leave at 6:30 they wake me up. I get my own breakfast, which is coffee and bread, and clean up the house. Then I go to school and stay until 11:30. I hurry to the house of a lady and get dinner for her because she gives me my dinner for doing that for her. Mamma takes the lunch for her and papa to the mill. After I have my dinner and straighten up for the lady, I go back to school.

#### **And Iron on Sunday.**

"When school is over I go home and buy the things for supper. I get supper. We have potatoes with the skins on, salt meat, or some other kind of meat, and occasionally beans or something like that, and when supper is over I wash the dishes.

Saturdays mamma and I do the washing, and let the clothes dry at night. Then we iron them Sundays. Mamma and I scrub. I am good at washing. Mamma irons the hard things and I iron the rest."

About her work in the candy store, Clemence said that she minded the proprietor's baby, scrubbed the floor and counters, made soda water, sold candy and ran errands.

#### **No Pay on Christmas.**

"Don't you ever have any des